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## VICTORY IS ONLY QUESTION OF TIME DECLARES GENERAL HAIG

British Commander of Troops  
In France Says Initiative Is  
Now With Allies

With the British Armies in the Field—July 31—Via London—At the close of the two years of the war and of the first month of the year, Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, commander-in-chief of the group of British armies in France, in speaking of the situation laid particular emphasis on the fact that the beginning of the third year of the war saw the initiative entirely with the Allies on all fronts, while England for the first time was exerting something like a power worthy of her numerous resources on land.

"The tide has turned," he said. "Time has been with the Allies from the first. It is only a question of more time till we win a decisive victory which is the one sure way to bring peace in this, as in other wars. Until this victory is won it will become a British soldier in France to think of peace."

Those who had the freedom of the battle lines the last four weeks had glimpses of the youthful and scholarly features of Sir Douglas Haig in a passing automobile on dusty roads, thick with moving troops and transports; and again of his athletic figure alighting from his car at the headquarters of one of the army commanders for a conference. But mostly his time is spent in a quiet room in a small chateau, which is his personal headquarters. In the center of this room, where he talked with the Associated Press correspondent Monday, was raised a map of the region of the offensive with every detail, roads, woods, villages, trenches, ridges and valleys, and all the contours revealed at a glance. The only other visible machinery of command were little sheets of reports which came from the firing line through the curtains of shell fire, giving the situation at intervals in every sector of the front.

"The problem of the first summer's campaign and the second for the Allies," he said, "was to hold the Germans from forcing a decision with their ready numbers of men, guns and shells. Whether it was the able generalship and heroism of the French on the Marne, the dogged retreat of the little British expeditionary forces from Mons, the stubborn resistance of the French and British to the German effort for the channel ports, the Russian retreat last summer, Belgium's sacrifice or Italy's stonewalling against Austria's offensive or France's immortal defense of Verdun, the purpose was always to gain time for preparations necessary to take the offensive away from the enemy."

He mentioned the days of Ypres in the fall of 1914, when the British had only battalions where they have divisions now and fought with flesh and blood against superior gun fire.

"Our unpreparedness at the start of the war, due to its unexpectedness, is no secret," he continued, "while France, which had a great national army and universal service, was giving all her strength, we had to begin from the bottom. The majority of our best regulars had been killed or wounded in the early fighting. With the remainder as a nucleus to drill and organize the volunteers who were raw, but had the spirit that quickeneth, we undertook to create an army of millions which must be officered largely by men of no military experience to fight the German army with its 40 years of preparation."

"We had to make uniforms before the men who had enlisted could be taken out of civilian garb; to build plants before we could begin the manufacture of our clothes, before we could arm our recruits and to build guns and munition plants before we had artillery."

"However well trained an army," he continued, "however able its generals, however ample its artillery and munitions, the supreme test in a war of this kind is its capacity, unit by unit, for bearing heavy losses unflinchingly. Wherever sacrifice of life was necessary to the end these new army men have borne it without murmuring and in a manner worthy of the best traditions of the Anglo-Saxon race when it has had to fight for principles associated with its history the world over."

"When her navy held England safe from invasion, it was principle which led these men—all volunteers—to fight on soil which is not their own, they realized that the preparedness, discipline and autocratic organization of the enemy which stood for militarism were abhorrent to them."

Turning to the map he put his finger first on Pozieres and then on Delville wood, where the British incessant struggle has gained precious high ground, and said:

"Here our men, after they had con-

quered the mass of trench fortifications which the Germans had been a year and a half in building, have fought under field conditions, digging what cover they could, withstanding counter attacks with all the stubbornness of the regular at Ypres, continuing their advance, pitting their skill, courage and resources against those of an army with 40 years of preparation. Their confidence that as man to man, with equally good artillery support, they were the superior of the German, has been justified by the event.

"If we had gained less ground, if we had not, in conjunction with the French, inflicted heavier losses on the enemy than our own and had not given a vital blow to his morale, our offensive would have been worth while for its benefit to our morale. Our men ask only to keep on attacking. They feel that they have taken the measure of the Germans."

Then Sir Douglas referred to the captures of the German army and of the British army as revealed by the fighting of the last four weeks, saying:

"The British soldier, used to thinking for himself, recognized the stubborn task before him, but the German, docile in his obedience and taking his superiors without question, was led to believe the offensive of our new army, which was not met with their kind of discipline and was therefore inefficient, could not be formidable. When we followed the breach in their first line with a breach in their second, the shock of our success was accordingly the greater to their minds. For the first time German officers who were taken admitted that Germany was beaten. One of them, who was on his way to England and had glimpses of our reserve camps in France, said that he had been told that the British had only a fringe of troops on the front line and that once our attack was repulsed they could go through to the coast and end the war."

Finally, in explaining the situation, Sir Douglas indulged in the Scotch phrase: "Facts are chiefs that winna' dink," and continued:

"The third year of the war will be the Allies' year. No less than France, now that we are ready, we shall give all the strength there is in us to drive the invader from her soil and that of Belgium. England will not achieve her full strength on land, however, until next summer."

"All those that believe our cause is the cause of civilization, may rest assured this army has no thought except to go on delivering blow after blow until we have won that victory by force of arms, which will insure an enduring peace."

## MARKHAM-STEWART WEDDING CEREMONIES

William J. Markham and Miss Nora K. Stewart were married on Thursday evening, August 10, by Rev. Father Stephen J. Alencastre, pastor of the Catholic Church of the Sacred Hearts, Funahou. The witnesses were August S. Dreier, uncle of the groom, and Miss Anna C. Markham. The bride is a teacher at the Kailua school. After the marriage ceremony a dinner was served at the Union Grill. Those present besides Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Markham were Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Dreier, Mr. J. Markham, Miss A. C. Markham, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Cockett, Mr. and Mrs. L. Akana, Miss J. K. Stewart, Mr. J. Gilliland, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Helne, Mrs. G. F. Henshall, Mr. C. Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Markham.

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## GERMANY'S CATTLE DECREASE IN TWO YEARS 2,000,000

THE HAGUE, Netherlands.—Diplomatic representatives in Berlin of the neutral powers have been taken by the German officials on a trip to the country and shown the harvest situation. A paragraph in the German newspapers dealing with this tour of inspection says:

"It is assumed they gained the conviction that the plan of our enemies to starve us out will fail again this year. Some representatives were even surprised at the remarkably favorable outlook."

Touching the scarcity of butter, the Hamburger Nachrichten says the last cattle census, compared with that of December, 1914, showed a decrease of 2,000,000 head, of which 800,000 were milk cows. It will be years, the newspaper says, before the grazing fields again are normal.

According to the Campus, a German technical newspaper of Dresden, potatoes planted on the roof of the technical high school in the city produced an excellent crop.

## ANTLERED HERD HOST AT DANCE TO 300 FRIENDS

Honolulu Elks were hosts—and they made good ones—at a delightful dance and vaudeville entertainment at the Seaside Hotel Wednesday evening, about 150 couples attending. The broad stretch of lawn between the hotel and the beach was hung with flags and bunting, while in the trees twinkled myriads of colored electric lights. The guests found comfortable seats at tables on the lawn and between dances a delicious punch was served on the lanai.

Music for the dancing was furnished by a trio of musicians, with "Sonny" Cunha at the piano. The vaudeville skits included several selections by an Elk quartet, a vocal solo by W. H. Hutton, a violin solo and some rousing card tricks by Prof. Brooks, who recently appeared at the Bijou theater. As a conclusion to his act Brooks allowed a committee to lock him in a steel trunk, put the trunk in a canvas sack and truss up the whole with ropes. Then he proceeded to get out, which feat he accomplished in less than a minute.

The dancing continued until after 1 o'clock. The affair was an unusual success and was heartily enjoyed by the big crowd.

## DINNER DANCE AT HEINIE'S

"On the Beach at Waikiki" (that means Heinie's Tavern, of course) there will be an especially enjoyable dance this evening, to which all visitors in Honolulu as well as town folk are most cordially invited. An excellent and extensive menu has been prepared for dinner, the cabaret features are better than ever and the dance to follow promises to be a delightful occasion. A cordial welcome will be extended to everyone by the management.—Adv.

## LIDLESS BARREL IS APPLIED TO BATHER

LOS ANGELES.—Campaigning against scanty bathing suits, police officers of Santa Monica today appeared on the beach armed with empty barrels, sans heads.

Officer D. C. Hathaway spied Miss Lottie Smalley garbed in less than the law allows, in a "one piece," in other words. The barrel was draped around her and she was escorted to her home and ordered to comply with the law.

About the same time John Stepley and his wife of New York appeared before Police Judge King in Santa Monica.

"Officers say your one-piece bathing suits did not contain enough cloth," said the judge.

"We wore them at Coney Island, Atlantic City and all the Eastern beaches," replied Stepley.

"They won't do here," replied the judge, and after warning the couple to obtain other bathing suits than the abbreviated ones they possess, he dismissed the case.

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